

## THE PASSIVE: REVISION

**1. Rewrite the sentences, putting the underlined verbs into the passive. Make any other changes necessary.**

1) They should have given us this information ages ago.

*This information should have been given to us ages ago.*

2) Do you want someone to wake you up in the morning?

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3) I don't like someone telling me what to do.

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4) The windows are really dirty: no-one's cleaned them for weeks.

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5) After the company made him redundant, he became very depressed.

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6) I would like them to have given me the chance to explain my point of view, but they weren't interested.

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7) I'm hoping they will choose me for the college football team.

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8) People believe that many more people will die of skin cancer over the next ten years.

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9) If it hadn't rained so much, we would have finished the job on time.

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10) We can't take the car: the people at the garage are repairing it.

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**2. Rewrite the texts, putting the underlined verbs into the passive. Make any other changes necessary. Use by + agent where appropriate.**

1) The company is sorry to announce that the situation has forced it to introduce a range of cost-cutting measures as from the beginning of the new year. Unfortunately, we can no longer provide free tea and coffee. Someone is going to install new coin-operated drinks machines in every department and you can purchase a wide range of drinks from these. We will also stop overtime payments after the end of this month and we will expect all members of staff to complete their duties within their contract hours. You must no longer make personal calls from office phones and we request you to use the pay phone in the basement for this purpose.

2) Fire almost completely destroyed the Royal Hotel last night. By the time someone called the Fire Brigade, the hotel was already blazing. Ambulances took fifteen people to hospital suffering from severe burns. They say that seven of them are in a serious condition. People think that a discarded cigarette started the fire.